Planning, Zoning, and Agriculture Committee Meeting November 25, 2008

Members Present

Mr. Stauffenberg, Ms. Schmidt, Mr. Hess, Mr. James, Mr. Tripp, Mr. Whitten, Mr. Scholl, Ms. McBride, and Mr. Marcotte, Mr. Washington, Mr. Tholen

Members Absent

Mr. Olthoff

In Attendance

Mr. McLaren, Mr. Bossert, Mr. Vickery, Delbert Skimerhorn, Michelle Sadler, Eric Sadler, Don Pallissard, Mike Lammey, John Bevis, Rich Howell, Julian Mendrala, Dennis Bringleson, Annie Bringleson, Laura Dick, Elizabeth Dunbar, Greg Deck, JoAnn Lindert, and Leigh Marcotte

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Stauffenberg at 9:00 a.m. Quorum present.

2. Public Comment

- JoAnn Lindert spoke on behalf of the Rockville Township board of trustees in objection to the Bringleson petition for rezoning.
- Dennis Bringleson spoke on his petition to rezone.
- Julian Mendrala inquired on the progress of the special use permit protest.

3. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

Mr. Olthoff asked for a motion to change the agenda and put zoning before subdivision. Mr. Washington made a motion and Mr. Marcotte seconded it. Motion carried.

4. Transportation

• Rural Public Transportation

Mr. Lammey gave an update on the Rural Public Transportation. The state funding has been slow coming in.

5. Subdivision

Subdivision Ordinance

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Whitten and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried. Mr. James opposed.

Diversatech Grove Subdivision – Final Plat

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Whitten and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried.

Kincaid Grove Subdivision – Preliminary/Final Plat

This is the other part of the Dennis and Annie Bringleson rezoning. Because the property did not meet the Plat Act a minor subdivision was required. It went out for 45 day public review. There were some comments received. There were two from County Highway; they wanted five feet more additional right of way along the county highway and they wanted an access easement. The Bringleson agreed to do both of those.

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A motion to approve with the requests from the Highway Department for the footage and easement was made by Mr. Hess and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried. Ms. Schmidt and Mr. James opposed.

6. Zoning

• Special Use Protest Petition- Julian Mendrala, Jr.

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that they met with the State's Attorney's Office and were asked that all the files be turned over to them to review. They delivered the files last week.

Mr. Scholl stated that he has trouble with the special use issue. We grant someone a special use but it seems that we don't have an adequate structure to ensure that they are staying within the perimeters of the special use permit. We need to work to come up with something to make sure that the people who get these special use permits are only operating within that perimeter.

• ZBA Case #08-12; request for a Rezoning from A1-Agriculture District to RE-Rural Estate District, on a parcel generally situated in Section 23 of Rockville Township. The petitioners are Dennis and Annie Bringleson, property owners and applicants.

Dennis and Annie Bringleson are requesting a rezoning from A1 to RE on a 3.73 acre parcel. The parcel is located in Rockville Township on the east side of 2250 Road just north of 8270 Road. ZBA voted 5 to 2 to recommend approval. A letter of objection was received from the Rockville Township stating that the rezoning was inconsistent with their comp plan. Their comp plan suggests five acres for all new residential. The fact that the township did object forces the County Board into a super majority vote when it gets to County Board. There were no other objections.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Scholl. Motion carried. Ms. Schmidt and Mr. James opposed.

Mr. Scholl stated that we need a standardized and fair way of dealing with individuals trying to bring something into compliance.

Ms. Schmidt stated that if we keep approving these people will just keeping doing it. It doesn't seem like a very good process. We need to send a message out that we are not going to approve illegally subdivided land.

7. Planning

• Tri-Village Development Regulations

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Scholl and seconded by Mr. James. Motion carried.

- Appointment to Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission
 - 1. Elisabeth Dunbar

A motion to approve made by Mr. Scholl and seconded by Mr. Whitten. Motion carried.

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8. Other

Recycling Program

Mr. Whitten stated that River Valley Recycling is in town now and they are doing a good job. He doesn't know why we can't get curb side recycling going. If the County would pick up some kind of recycling program the municipalities might follow us.

Ms. Schmidt stated that we need a solid waste coordinator.

9. Old/New Business

Mr. Scholl stated that we've said that we wanted to establish a new delegation agreement and whoever heads this up should be in charge of solid waste. We need to expedite getting this done. He suggested that the enforcement arm should be in the Sheriff's department.

Mr. James stated that there are some areas that are very successfully processing recyclables now. We should start investigating what other counties are doing successfully.

Mr. Scholl stated that in rural areas the fine for littering should be increased.

Mr. James stated that the inspection program we have right now needs to be looked at. It is taking too long to get an inspector out to the site.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. was made by Mr. Tripp and seconded by Mr. Whitten. Motion carried.

Jim Stauffenberg, Vice-Chairman

Stephanie Jackson Executive Coordinator

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